Hi Neighbors!

Jeff Baker, CPN President

I hope everyone’s 2020 is starting off well, and that you have stopped writing 2019 on everything that you have to date. I am glad that we are seeing more daylight as the days get longer and I am already getting excited for spring. The relatively mild winter we have had is just a tease as I know that we will be getting plenty of winter weather in the upcoming months. March is after all one of our heaviest precipitation months, and we sure could use some precipitation.

At this month’s General Meeting on February 6th, we will have a quick announcement from Nicky Yolick about the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program to let neighbors who may need help with taxes. There have been some plan changes to the 27th Street Storm Water Interceptor project that is cutting through the middle of the neighborhood, and we will be getting an update on those changes from the project manager and his team. A group of neighbors have already met on the street with Aaron to discuss the change in the project with the hope of reducing negative impacts. Kathy Benzel, Executive Director for Denver Language School at Gilpin, will be joining us to let us know

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Celebrating Black History Month in Film
at the Black American West Museum
3091 California Street

Saturday, February 22nd

Historian Paul Stewart: A short documentary on the early Black West and Paul Stewart.

Project 75 The Mile High Society: The National Medical Association (N.M.A.) had a very unique and noble program to increase and develop to get more blacks in medical field.

Eleise Clark, Movie Night Coordinator - 720-242-7428

Saturday, February 29th

A Hue-Man Experience: A short documentary on an African-American bookstore with the largest title books by black authors.

Ujamaa Holiday Market: A documentary on small black business’ struggle to keep their doors open for business!

The Civil Rights Peaceful Protests in Washington D.C. 1963
Neighbors (cont.)

about everything going on for the new year. With all the changes going on at RTD, Shontel Lewis will be getting us up to speed on our transportation challenges and what the future brings. We will end the meeting with a community roundtable, and giveaway.

Please come and join us and get engaged with your neighbors in our wonderful community!

A new decade. How do we start?
Time again for the Valentine Heart!

Please join us for our annual
St. Valentine’s Day Tea
(an informal neighborhood gathering, children welcome)
Sunday, February 9th
2:00-5:00 pm
2903 Champa Street
Hugh & Lynne Brown

2020 Curtis Park Home, Garden and ADU Tour

We are looking for homeowners interested in showcasing their house, garden or accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on the 2020 Curtis Park Home, Garden and ADU Tour. This awesome event will be on September 12th and 13th 2020. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Pat Romero at par1romero@yahoo.com.

10th Annual Curtis Park Ice Festival

For a decade we have been celebrating winter with neighbors during the Curtis Park Ice Festival at the Stout Street Children’s Park. This year’s event will occur on Sunday, February 16th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The park is located at 2501 Stout Street. This small, very local, event features winter treats and hot chocolate, pizza, winter games and artists carving ice sculptures in the park. The event is free and we love to welcome neighbors of all ages - so grab a neighbor and a friend and come celebrate winter in Curtis Park! Thanks to all our sponsors who make this possible every year; Curtis Park Neighbors, Five Points Rotary, Nora Mendenhal, Matina Soutsos, Nancy Welch, Julie Rubsam, John Hayden and Keith Pryor.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or help to sponsor an aspect of the event can contact John Hayden at haydenpryor@msn.com.
Moving People Forward
Robin Hobein

Are you ready to increase the quality time in your life, and spend less time sitting in your car? Wanting to take your kids or dog(s) along with you when you bike? Ready to do something about climate change? I have an idea for you!

I recently sold my truck and bought an electric pedal-assist cargo bike, and it’s been a quality-of-life game-changer! Pedal-assist e-bikes help you carry larger loads on your bike with a battery-motor, up to nineteen miles per hour. I’m doing all my errands by e-bike now, getting more sunshine, meeting new neighbors, exercising more, and helping to improve our air quality.

We bought a bucket-style ‘family-kit’ model Urban Arrow (see pic), but there are many models to choose from. I take the e-cargobike to the grocery store, pool, library, Home Depot, the movies, to work — anywhere I normally used to drive. I even sat in it myself while my hubby pedaled us to a wedding! And, thanks to more and better bike-lanes being built, it’s easier than ever to find safer routes around town.

Questions on how to get started? I’m happy to help! Please reach out to robbie.hobein@curtispark.org. We ordered our bike from Arleigh at BikeShopGirl, a locally-owned family-friendly bike shop in nearby Stapleton, and she’s happy to extend free 24-hour rentals for people to #LeaveTheCarAtHome.

New Trees
Lynne Brown

Remember to submit your tree applications to Denver Digs Trees by February 15th, http://theparkpeople.org/What-We-Do/Denver-Digs-Trees. The trees can be planted in your yard or in the tree lawn between the public sidewalk and the curb. Trees will be delivered April 25th for pick up at City Park and ready for you to plant. Any questions? Email Lynne Brown, lynnebrown001@gmail.com.
Tree Pruning Problems?

If you or a neighbor has a tree that needs pruning, the CPN Tree Committee may be able to help. If someone needs financial help with pruning, we may be able to help with that. For example, we’re exploring working with a nonprofit so that volunteer Community Foresters, trained by The Park People, can help. http://theparkpeople.org/What-We-Do/Community-Forester-Program.

The good news is when you keep your tree pruned, you are maintaining its long-term health, appearance and safety! https://csfs.colostate.edu/2015/02/12/late-winter-the-best-time-to-prune-trees/. The cautionary news: (1) If you have a branch which blocks safe access to the street or right-of-way and you don’t remove it, Denver Forestry will remove it and will bill you for the work. And (2) pruning trees takes knowledge and skill and can be dangerous. https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-parks-and-recreation/trees-natural-resources/forestry-trees-.html. If you are interested in pruning and want guidance, or if you are interested in learning more about the Community Forester program, contact Maggie: maggie@maggiemiller.org.

Neighborhood Internet Resources

Curtis Park Neighbors on Facebook
www.facebook.com/groups/curtispark/

Curtis Park Neighbors “Announce” Group
Just the basics! We encourage everyone to join this e-mail group. Receive the Curtis Park Times & special announcements. To join, send an email to: Curtis-Park-Neighbors-Announce+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Neighbors “Notices” Group
Super-detailed! Receive all of the notices that the City and other organizations send to Curtis Park Neighbors. Zoning notices, liquor license applications, etc. all come through here. To join, send an email to: CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Design Review Committee
Receive updates on new development and building modifications under review by the Denver Landmark Commission. To join, send an email to: cpn-drc-announcements+subscribe@googlegroups.com. Questions about projects, email Keith Pryor: KPryor13@gmail.com.

DHA / Curtis Park Community Advisory Committee
Provide feedback and guide the Denver Housing Authority’s plans for their property holdings in the Curtis Park area. Write to: CPN-DHA-CAC+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Transportation Committee
Improve mobility and safety for people getting around by all modes
Write to: cpn-transportation+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Safety and Security Group
Collaborate on finding solutions to current and long-term safety and security topics in the neighborhood.

Curtis Park Neighbors is an officially incorporated non-profit neighborhood organization bringing our neighborhood together to share in preserving the past and future of Curtis Park. We welcome all neighbors in Curtis Park and encourage participation in Curtis Park Neighbors and in the life of the community. Please pass along this newsletter and bring a neighbor to the meetings!

The spirit of the Curtis Park Times is to communicate information about topics and concerns of our neighborhood. The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of Curtis Park Neighbors. To provide newsletter articles or place advertising, contact us at cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com or (720)273–0623. The next newsletter deadlines are Jan. 22nd for ads, and Jan. 25th for articles.

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